



SUMMARY OF NOTES
OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE "NO QUORUM"
MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-3084)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Mark Burman, Vice Chair Bob Archuleta, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Algird Leiga, Commissioner Tyler Kelley and Commissioner Jules
Bagneris III

Excused: Commissioner Barry Waite, Commissioner Rodrigo Guerra Jr.,
Commissioner Alexander Ponder, Commissioner Jess
Talamantes and Commissioner Andrew Westall

Call to Order (13-2527)

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Burman at 9:06 a.m.
and noted the lack of a quorum.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 2013. (13-2528)

No action was taken due to a lack of a quorum.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chair's report on various items for the month of June 2013 (13-2529)

There was no Chairperson's Report given.

III. PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation on the Los Angeles County Court Closures and Public Safety
Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 109 & AB 117).

William Hodgman
Assistant District Attorney
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Tracey Lopez
Special Assistant to the Assistant District Attorney
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (13-2532)

William Hodgman, Assistant District Attorney of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LACDA), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Los Angeles County Court Closures and the Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 109 & 117). Mr. Hodgman stated the Realignment Act is the relocation of a sub population of the California State prisons to the local custody and/or treatment facilities as a result of the need to reduce prison overcrowding in the State prison. He further reported that the LACDA has taken the leadership role in gathering empirical data statewide to determine the condition of recidivism was before and after realignment. It is anticipated that this data will assist the State General Attorney in defining the "recidivism act." Mr. Hodgman's presentation also covered concerns for the N3 offenders who are without a parole supervisor, the importance of split sentencing and the closure of local courthouses.

Tracey Lopez, Special Assistant, LACDA, added to the presentation by elaborating more on the Victim Restitution Issues that have been influenced by the enactment of AB 109. She reported before realignment, different mechanisms were in place to garnish a certain percentage of the inmates' wages for restitution owed to the victims or the State Restitution Board. However, since the implementation of AB 109 there has been a breakdown in the restitution process, thereby preventing some of the inmates that are released from prison without a parole officer to supervise to from paying their debt. Ms. Lopez stated that the LACDA is presently in support of AB 934 introduced by Cooley. AB 934 will fill some of the loopholes and any remaining legal impediments caused by the confusion of the realignment act. She further stated that once the bill is approved in 2014, the Board of Supervisors will appoint a department to oversee the tracking of the parolees and the collection of their debt.

See supporting document (PowerPoint presentation) for more detailed information.

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4. Presentation and Update: "Recovery Housing - Community Asset and the Effect of the Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO) on Housing Options."
(Continued from the meeting of March 5, 2013)

Jeff Christensen, Executive Director
The Sober Living Network

Susan Burton, Founder
A New Way of Life Reentry Project (13-1083)

Jeff Christensen, Executive Director of the Sober Living Network (SNL), provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Sober Living Network and their Recovery Housing, Community Asset, and the Community Care Facilities Ordinance. He reported that the Sober Living Network encompasses six counties located in Southern California which consist of approximately 500 homes and 6500+ residents with 300+ homes located in Los Angeles County. Mr. Christensen reported that unlike other sober living homes, all of the homes in SLN are certified and inspected by the National Association of Recovery Residences which is governed by a Community Care Facilities Ordinance. All populations are welcomed as long as they are dealing with a recognized substance use disorder. Mr. Christensen answered questions posed by the Commission.

Susan Burton, Founder of a New Way of Life Reentry Project, was introduced by Mr. Christensen as one of the affiliate of SLN. Ms. Burton was a 2011 CNN Top Ten Hero of the Year as a Community Crusader. Ms. Burton reported that the mission of her organization is to help women and girls break the cycle of entrapment in the criminal justice system and encourage them to lead healthy and satisfying lives. She works with Los Angeles County Probation Department and the California State prisons. Presently, Ms. Burton is working on a plan that would broaden her responsibility by reaching out to imprisoned men that would like to reunite with their children and/or break the cycle of imprisonment.

Mr. Christensen also reported that SLN has received a grant to assist with the dissemination of information about SLN's program to commissions, city councils, and other interested parties.

See supporting document (PowerPoint presentation) for more detailed information.

Chairperson Burman thanked all of the guest speakers for their very informative presentations.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

5. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-2537)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-2538)

Mr. Nicholas Kfoury thanked the Commission, especially Commissioner Bagneris for his assistance regarding his issues with Southern California Edison. Chairperson Burman and Commissioner Bagneris both agreed to intervene on his behalf to help resolve the issue.

Adjournment

7. Adjournment for the meeting of June 4, 2013. (13-2539)

There being no further business, Chairperson Burman adjourned the at 10:55 a.m.